

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Page 1, add a section heading immediately after the title HIGH PERFORMANCE TIRE FOR VEHICLES, as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Page 1, add a paragraph immediately after the section heading CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS, as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/534,875, filed March 24, 2000, which is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/EP98/06182, filed September 25, 1998, in the European Patent Office, the contents of both of which are relied upon and incorporated herein by reference; additionally, Applicants claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of U.S. provisional application No. 60/063,848, filed October 31, 1997, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; further, Applicants claim the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) - (d) based on patent application No. 97830471.5, filed September 26, 1997, in the European Patent Office.

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